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**Description**

[0001] The invention relates to sunscreen compositions, particularly those in lotion and cream form.

5    **The Related Art**

- [0002] Sunscreen compositions are commonly used during outdoor work or leisure for protection of exposed skin against painful sunburn. Many effective sunscreen preparations are sold commercially or are described in cosmetic or pharmaceutical literature. In general, sunscreen preparations are formulated in the form of creams, lotions or oils containing as the active agent an ultraviolet radiation absorbing chemical compound. The active agent functions by blocking passage of erythemalogenic radiation thereby preventing its penetration into the skin.
- [0003] The ideal sunscreen formulation should be non-toxic and non-irritating to skin tissue and be capable of convenient application in a uniform continuous film. The product should be sufficiently chemically and physically stable so as to provide an acceptable shelf life upon storage. It is particularly desirable that the preparation should retain its protective effect over a prolonged period after application. Thus, the active agent when present on the skin must be resistant to chemical or photodegradation, to absorption through the skin, and to removal by perspiration, skin oil, or water. For aesthetic reasons, the product should be substantially odorless (or be capable of being scented) and be non-staining to the skin or clothing.
- [0004] Sunscreen agents in the order of decreasing effectiveness may be categorized as either highly chromophoric monomeric organic compounds, inorganic compounds and minimally chromophoric polymeric organic solids.
- [0005] U.S. Patent 5,219,558 (Woodin, Jr. et al.) and U.S. Patent 4,919,934 (Decker et al.) disclose photoprotection compositions wherein the active sunscreen agents are of the chromophoric monomeric organic compound variety. The examples feature the commercially common sunscreens such as octylmethoxycinnamate (Parsol MCX), benzophenone-3 (Oxybenzone) and octyl dimethyl PABA.
- [0006] Chromophoric monomeric organic compounds are subject to certain problems. These compounds when present on the skin must be resistant to removal by perspiration, skin oils or water. Formulations containing these materials therefore require additives to ensure substantivity. Yet, even with the best additives water-proofing and rub off resistance is never fully accomplished. Another and perhaps more important problem is that of skin irritation. See U.S. Patent 5,041,281 and U.S. Patent 4,917,883 both to Strobridge reporting oil-in-water emulsion sunscreens waterproofed with, for instance, copolymers of ethylene and vinyl acetate. US patent 5208011 discloses light absorbing organic sunscreens in combination with polymers such as polyethylene copolymers and acrylic and methacrylic polymers. Some people are quite sensitive to organic molecules with chromophoric groups. Adverse allergic reactions can result. Therefore, it would be quite desirable to minimize the level of such compounds in any sunscreen compositions. Total replacement of chromophoric organic compounds, while desirable, is presently not feasible for high SPF compositions that also require certain types of aesthetics.
- [0007] Inorganic particulate compounds such as titanium dioxide have been employed as sunscreen agents. In fact, titanium dioxide is quite popular with marketers advertising them as "natural sunscreens". US patent 5223250 reports use of a dispersion of micronised particles of zinc oxide which form cosmetically acceptable physical sunscreens remaining visibly transparent upon the skin, yet are capable of absorbing substantial UV radiation. Transparent micronised plastic spheres such as acrylics are employed as adjunct sunscreen shields. The problem with inorganic particulate compounds is that high SPF values can only be achieved with high concentrations of these materials. Unfortunately, aesthetics suffer at such high concentrations. Clear formulas become opaque. High loadings also tend to form visible white films on the skin which consumers perceive negatively.
- [0008] Polymeric organic particulates are a final category of materials which have found use in sunscreen formulations. U.S. Patent 5,008,100 (Zecchino et al.) reports oil-in-water emulsions containing polyethylene particles as a co-active sunscreen agent along with the traditional chromophoric organic compounds. Similar to the inorganic materials, polymeric particles are limited in their sunscreen effectiveness. High amounts of such materials will have adverse effects upon the formula aesthetics.
- [0009] Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention to provide a sunscreen composition that maximizes the sun protection factor but minimizes the level of chromophoric monomeric organic compound.
- [0010] Another object of the present invention is to provide a sunscreen composition in the form of an oil and water emulsion that exhibits improved aesthetics when applied to the skin.
- [0011] Yet another object of the present invention is to provide a sunscreen composition having a much lower human irritancy than formulas of equivalent sun protection factor.
- [0012] These and other objects of the present invention will more readily become apparent from the description and examples which follow.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0013] A sunscreen composition is provided which includes:

- 5        (i) from 0.01 to 10% of an ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer;
- (ii) from 0.01 to 10% of particles of an acrylic polymer;
- (iii) from 0.1 to 30% of an organic sunscreen agent with a chromophoric group active within the ultraviolet radiation range from 290 to 400 nm; and
- (iv) from 60 to 99.5% of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0014] Now it has been discovered that ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer and particles of an acrylic polymer can combine to provide a significant boost in the sun protection factor (SPF) to compositions with a chromophoric organic sunscreen agent. Although ethylene/vinyl acetate (EVA) copolymers have previously been employed in sunscreen compositions, this material has been heretofore incorporated as a thickener. EVA copolymers have also been recommended for their water-proofing capabilities. Only now has it been discovered that the copolymer can have a significant SPF boosting effect.

[0015] EVA copolymers according to the present invention are formed from ethylene monomers, i.e.  $\text{CH}_2=\text{CH}_2$ , and vinyl acetate monomers, i.e.  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOCH}=\text{CH}_2$ . The polymeric formula is  $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_x(\text{CH}_2\text{CHOOCHCH}_3)_y$ . The preferred ratio of x:y is from 20:1 to 4:1, and more preferably from 12:1 to 6:1. The average molecular weight can range from 2,000 to 2,000,000. The hardness (dmn ASTMD-5) of the EVA copolymer is preferably between 4 and 80, most preferably 9.5. The drop point (ASTMD3954) is preferably between 60 and 103°C, most preferably 95°C. Preferably, the EVA copolymer is added to the composition in particulate form with an average particle size small enough to be readily dispersed in the emulsion's oil phase.

[0016] Levels of EVA copolymer suitable for compositions of this invention range between 0.5 and 10%. More preferably, the amount is between 0.1 and 2%, optimally between 0.2 and 0.5% by weight.

[0017] EVA copolymers are commercially obtainable from the Allied Signal Corporation, most preferably under the designation AC-400. Other useful EVA copolymers from Allied Signal are found under the designations AC-400A, AC-405, AC-4055, AC-405T and ACT-430 and from DuPont Chemical under the designation Elvox 40P.

[0018] A second critical element of compositions according to the present invention is that of an acrylic polymer. More specifically, the polymer will be a homopolymer derived from monomers including ethyl acrylate, methyl acrylate, ethyl methacrylate, methyl methacrylate, butyl acrylate and butyl methacrylate. Most preferred is poly(methyl methacrylate) commercially available as microbeads designated as Covabead PMMA from Wackherr S.A., France. Particulate sizes of the acrylic polymer will range from 0.001 to less than 5 micron, preferably between 0.01 and 3 micron, optimally between 0.1 and 1 micron average particle size.

[0019] Amounts of the acrylic polymer will range from 0.01 to 10%, preferably from 0.1 to 5%, optimally between 0.8 and 1.5% by weight.

[0020] A third essential element of compositions according to the present invention is that of an organic sunscreen agent having at least one chromophoric group absorbing within the ultraviolet range somewhere from 290 to 400 nm. Chromophoric organic sunscreen agents may be divided into the following categories (with specific examples) including: p-Aminobenzoic acid, its salts and its derivatives (ethyl, isobutyl, glyceryl esters; p-dimethylaminobenzoic acid); Anthranilates (i.e., o-aminobenzoates; methyl, menthyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenylethyl, inanyl, terpinyl, and cyclohexenyl esters); Salicylates (octyl, amyl, phenyl, benzyl, menthyl, glyceryl, and dipropyleneglycol esters); Cinnamic acid derivatives (menthyl and benzyl esters,  $\alpha$ -phenyl cinnamonnitrile; butyl cinnamoyl pyruvate); Dihydroxycinnamic acid derivatives (umbelliferone, methylumbelliferone, methylacetoo-umbelliferone); Trihydroxycinnamic acid derivatives (esculetin, methylesculetin, daphnetin, and the glucosides, esculin and daphnin); Hydrocarbons (diphenylbutadiene, stilbene); Dibenzalacetone and benzalacetophenone; Naphtholsulfonates (sodium salts of 2-naphthol-3,6-disulfonic and of 2-naphthol-6,8-disulfonic acids); Dihydroxy-naphthoic acid and its salts; o-and p-Hydroxybiphenyldisulfonates; Coumarin derivatives (7-hydroxy, 7-methyl, 3-phenyl); Diazoles (2-acetyl-3-bromoindazole, phenyl benzoxazole, methyl naphthoxazole, various aryl benzothiazoles); Quinine salts (bisulfate, sulfate, chloride, oleate, and tannate); Quinoline derivatives (8-hydroxyquinoline salts, 2-phenylquinoline); Hydroxy- or methoxy-substituted benzophenones; Uric and vilouric acids; Tannic acid and its derivatives (e.g., hexaethyléther); (Butyl carbityl) (6-propyl piperonyl) ether; Hydroquinone; Benzophenones (Oxybenzone, Sulisobenzene, Dioxybenzone, Benzoresorcinol, 2,2',4,4'-Tetrahydroxybenzophenone, 2,2'-Dihydroxy-4,4'-dimethoxybenzophenone, Octabenzone; 4-Isopropyldibenzoylmethane; Butylmethoxydibenzoylmethane; Etocrylene; and 4-isopropyl-dibenzoylmethane).

[0021] Particularly useful are: 2-ethylhexyl p-methoxycinnamate, 4,4'-t-butyl methoxydibenzoylmethane, 2-hydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone, octyldimethyl p-aminobenzoic acid, digalloylrioleate, 2,2-dihydroxy-4-methoxybenzophenone.

- none, ethyl 4-[bis(hydroxypropyl)]aminobenzoate, 2-ethylhexyl-2-cyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate, 2-ethylhexylsalicylate, glyceryl p-aminobenzoate, 3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexylsalicylate, methylantranilate, p-dimethylaminobenzoic acid or aminobenzoate, 2-ethylhexyl p-dimethylaminobenzoate, 2-phenylbenzimidazole-5-sulfonic acid 2-(p-dimethylamino-phenyl)-5-sulfoniobenzoxazolic acid and mixtures thereof.
- 5 [0022] Amounts of the aforementioned sunscreen agents will generally range from 0.1 to 30%, preferably from 2 to 20%, optimally from 4 to 10% by weight.
- [0023] Compositions of the present invention may either be aqueous or anhydrous. Preferably the compositions are aqueous, especially water and oil emulsions of the W/O or O/W variety. Water when present will be in amounts which may range from 5 to 90%, preferably from 35 to 65%, optimally between 40 and 50% by weight.
- 10 [0024] Besides water, relatively volatile solvents may also be incorporated within compositions of the present invention. Most preferred are monohydric C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkanols. These include ethyl alcohol, methyl alcohol and isopropyl alcohol. The amount of monohydric alkanol may range from 5 to 50%, preferably from 15 to 40%, optimally between 25 to 35% by weight.
- 15 [0025] Emollient materials in the form of silicone oils and synthetic esters may be incorporated into compositions of the present invention. Amounts of the emollients may range anywhere from 0.1 to 30%, preferably between 1 and 20% by weight.
- [0026] Silicone oils may be divided into the volatile and non-volatile variety. The term "volatile" as used herein refers to those materials which have a measurable vapor pressure at ambient temperature. Volatile silicone oils are preferably chosen from cyclic or linear polydimethylsiloxanes containing from 3 to 9, preferably from 4 to 5, silicon atoms.
- 20 [0027] Linear volatile silicone materials generally have viscosities less than about 5 centistokes at 25°C while cyclic materials typically have viscosities of less than about 10 centistokes.
- [0028] Nonvolatile silicone oils useful as an emollient material include polyalkyl siloxanes, polyalkylaryl siloxanes and polyether siloxane copolymers. The essentially non-volatile polyalkyl siloxanes useful herein include, for example, polydimethyl siloxanes with viscosities of from 5 to 100,000 centistokes at 25°C. Among the preferred non-volatile emollients useful in the present compositions are the polydimethyl siloxanes having viscosities from 10 to 400 centistokes at 25°C.
- 25 [0029] Among the ester emollients are:
- (1) Alkenyl or alkyl esters of fatty acids having 10 to 20 carbon atoms. Examples thereof include isononyl isonanoate, oleyl myristate, oleyl stearate, and oleyl oleate.
- 30 (2) Ether-esters such as fatty acid esters of ethoxylated fatty alcohols.
- (3) Polyhydric alcohol esters. Ethylene glycol mono and di-fatty acid esters, diethylene glycol mono- and di-fatty acid esters, polyethylene glycol (200-6000) mono- and di-fatty acid esters, propylene glycol mono- and di-fatty acid esters, polypropylene glycol 2000 monooleate, polypropylene glycol 2000 monostearate, ethoxylated propylene glycol monostearate, glyceryl mono- and di-fatty acid esters, polyglycerol poly-fatty esters, ethoxylated glyceryl monostearate, 1,3-butylene glycol monostearate, 1,3-butylene glycol distearate, polyoxyethylene polyol fatty acid ester, sorbitan fatty acid esters, and polyoxyethylene sorbitan fatty acid esters are satisfactory polyhydric alcohol esters.
- 35 (4) Wax esters such as beeswax, spermaceti, myristyl myristate, stearyl stearate.
- 40 (5) Sterols esters, of which cholesterol fatty acid esters are examples thereof.
- [0030] The most preferred esters are octyldodecyl neopentanoate (available as Elefac I-205®) and isononyl isonanoate.
- [0031] Fatty acids having from 10 to 30 carbon atoms may also be included in the compositions of this invention. Illustrative of this category are pelargonic, lauric, myristic, palmitic, stearic, isostearic, hydroxystearic, oleic, linoleic, ricinoleic, arachidic, behenic and erucic acids.
- 45 [0032] Humectants of the polyhydric alcohol-type may also be included in the compositions of this invention. The humectant aids in increasing the effectiveness of the emollient, reduces scaling, stimulates removal of built-up scale and improves skin feel. Typical polyhydric alcohols include glycerol, polyalkylene glycols and more preferably alkylene polyols and their derivatives, including propylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, polypropylene glycol, polyethylene glycol and derivatives thereof; sorbitol, hydroxypropyl sorbitol, hexylene glycol, 1,3-butylene glycol, 1,2,6-hexanetriol, ethoxylated glycerol, propoxylated glycerol and mixtures thereof. For best results the humectant is preferably propylene glycol. The amount of humectant may range anywhere from 0.5 to 30%, preferably between 1 and 15% by weight of the composition.
- 50 [0033] Thickeners/viscosifiers in amounts from 0.01 to 5% by weight of the composition may also be included. As known to those skilled in the art, the precise amount of thickeners can vary depending upon the consistency and thickness of the composition which is desired. Exemplary thickeners are xanthan gum, sodium carboxymethyl cellulose, hydroxyalkyl and alkyl celluloses (particularly hydroxypropyl cellulose), and cross-linked acrylic acid polymers such as

those sold by B.F. Goodrich under the Carbopol trademark.

[0034] Collectively the water, solvents, silicones, esters, fatty acids, humectants and/or thickeners are viewed as pharmaceutically acceptable carriers for the sunscreen agents of the invention. Total amount of carrier will range from 1 to 99.9%, preferably from 80 to 99% by weight.

5 [0035] Cosmetic compositions of the present invention may be in any form. These forms may include lotions, creams, sticks, roll-on formulations, mousse, aerosol sprays and pad-applied formulations.

[0036] Surfactants may also be present in cosmetic compositions of the present invention. Total concentration of the surfactant will range from 0.1 to 40%, preferably from 1 to 20%, optimally from about 1 to about 5% by weight of the total composition. The surfactant may be selected from the group consisting of anionic, nonionic, cationic and amphoteric actives. Particularly preferred nonionic surfactants are those with a C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> fatty alcohol or acid hydrophobe condensed with from about 2 to about 100 moles of ethylene oxide or propylene oxide per mole of hydrophobe; the C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl phenols condensed with from 2 to 20 moles of alkylene oxide; mono- and di-fatty acid esters of ethylene glycol; fatty acid monoglyceride; sorbitan, mono- and di-C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> fatty acids; and polyoxyethylene sorbitan as well as combinations thereof. Alkyl polyglycosides and saccharide fatty amides (e.g. methyl gluconamides) are also suitable nonionic surfactants.

10 [0037] Preferred anionic surfactants include soap, alkyl ether sulfate and sulfonates, alkyl sulfates and sulfonates, alkylbenzene sulfonates, alkyl and dialkyl sulfosuccinates, C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> acyl isethionates and combinations thereof.

15 [0038] Compositions of the present invention may also contain C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> α-hydroxycarboxylic acids and salts thereof. The salts are preferably alkali metal, ammonium and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> alkanolammonium salts. Illustrative acids are glycolic acid, lactic acid and 2-hydroxycaprylic acid. Most preferred is a combination of glycolic and 2-hydroxycaprylic acids and their ammonium salts. Levels of these materials may range from about 0.01 to about 15%, preferably from about 0.1 to about 8%, optimally between about 0.1 and 1% by weight of the cosmetic composition.

20 [0039] Preservatives can desirably be incorporated into the cosmetic compositions of this invention to protect against the growth of potentially harmful microorganisms. Suitable traditional preservatives for compositions of this invention are alkyl esters of para-hydroxybenzoic acid. Other preservatives which have more recently come into use include hydantoin derivatives, propionate salts, and a variety of quaternary ammonium compounds. Cosmetic chemists are familiar with appropriate preservatives and routinely choose them to satisfy the preservative challenge test and to provide product stability. Particularly preferred preservatives are phenoxyethanol, methyl paraben, propyl paraben, imidazolidinyl urea, sodium dehydroacetate and benzyl alcohol. The preservatives should be selected having regard for the use of the composition and possible incompatibilities between the preservatives and other ingredients in the emulsion. Preservatives are preferably employed in amounts ranging from about 0.01% to about 2% by weight of the composition.

25 [0040] Minor adjunct ingredients may also be present in the cosmetic compositions. These ingredients include vitamins (such as Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin C, Vitamin A palmitate, Vitamin E acetate, biotin, niacin and DL-panthenol). Particularly preferred is a combination of Vitamin C/polypeptide complex available as Vitazyme C from the Brooks Company, USA. Niacin, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub> and biotin are available from Roche Pharmaceuticals.

30 [0041] Another adjunct ingredient can be that of an enzyme. Particularly preferred is superoxide dismutase, commercially available as Biocell SOD from the Brooks Company, USA.

35 [0042] Natural vegetable materials from renewable resources are often desirable in cosmetic compositions. For instance, cosmetic compositions of the present invention may include β-glucan derived from oats, commercially available under the trademark Microal SF from Nurture Inc., Missoula, Montana. Another natural material is polymerized glucose with the CTFA name of sclerotium gum commercially available as Amigel from Alban Muller International/Tri-K Industries, Inc., Emerson, New Jersey. Amounts of each of the foregoing materials may range from about 0.01 to about 10%, preferably from about 0.05 to about 1%, optimally between about 0.1 and 0.5% by weight.

40 [0043] Colorants, fragrances, opacifiers and abrasives may also be included in compositions of the present invention. Each of these substances may range from about 0.05 to about 5%, preferably between 0.1 and 3% by weight.

45 [0044] The following Examples will more fully illustrate the embodiments of this invention. All parts, percentages and proportions referred to herein and in the appended claims are by weight unless otherwise indicated.

## 50 EXAMPLE 1

[0045] A series of experiments were conducted to evaluate the SPF contribution from the EVA copolymer and microbeads of poly(methyl methacrylate). Table I sets forth the base composition as a fully formulated product, except without sunscreen.

55 [0046] In-vitro SPF of the formulated product with and without sunscreens was evaluated with an SPF-290 Analyzer, manufactured by Optometrics USA, Inc. of Ayer, Massachusetts.

[0047] The optical system of the SPF-290 is comprised of a continuous UV-VIS source, color compensating filters, diffusion plates, a grating monochromator and detector. Ultra-violet (UVB) and near ultra-violet (UVA) radiation is pro-

vided by a Xenon arc lamp. The radiation emitted from the source is attenuated in such a way that it resembles the solar spectrum more closely. The beam of radiation reaches the sample and, at that point, is either transmitted, absorbed or reflected by the sample or substrate. Transmitted radiation passes through a series of diffuser plates which further attenuate it. The beam, then, enters a monochromator and, ultimately, the monochromatic radiation impinges on the photosensitive surface of the detector, generating a signal that is proportional to the intensity of the radiation striking the surface.

[0048] The method of measurement involved applying 80 microliters of sample unto a Transpore® tape supported by a holder. The sample was applied to an area of 6.4 x 6.4 cm<sup>2</sup> in such a manner that a surface was covered approximating 40 cm<sup>2</sup>. An amount of sample equal to 2 microliters per cm<sup>2</sup>, which is similar to that used in standard in-vivo SPF tests, was distributed on the test tape. SPF measurements were then taken on the sample formulas.

[0049] Table II reports formulas A through H each of which utilizes the base composition but includes different amounts of organic sunscreen, EVA copolymer and/or PMMA. Table III reports sunscreen activity in terms of SPF values for the eight formulas.

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TABLE I

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Base Composition	
COMPONENT	WEIGHT %
Carbopol 1382® (2% active)	11.100
Cyclomethicone	6.000
Isoarachidyl Neopentanoate	5.300
Isononyl Isononanoate	2.500
Arlacel 165 VS® (GMS/PEG)	1.700
BRIJ 721® (Vegetable)	1.200
Isostearic Acid	1.200
Triethanolamine	1.020
Cetyl Alcohol	1.000
Actiglyde-J Special® (Bio-hyaluronic acid)	0.750
Phenoxyethanol	0.700
Vitamin E Acetate	0.500
Algae Extract	0.250
BRIJ 72® (Vegetable)	0.300
Methylparaben	0.300
Glydant®	0.200
DL-Panthenol	0.200
C <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>20</sub> Acid-PEG 8 Esters	0.200
Trilaureth-4-Phosphate	0.200
Silicone 200 (10cst)	0.200
Microat SF®	0.200
Niacin	0.200
Vitazyme C®	0.100
Superoxide Dismutase	0.100
Vitamin B <sub>6</sub>	0.100
Vitamin A Palmitate	0.100
Propylparaben	0.100

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TABLE I (continued)

<b>Base Composition</b>		
	<b>COMPONENT</b>	<b>WEIGHT %</b>
5	Amigel®	0.100
	Disodium EDTA	0.100
10	L-Lactic Acid	0.010
	Biotin	0.001
	Deionized Water	qs

TABLE II

SUNSCREEN COMPONENT	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Organic Sunscreen *	7	7	7	7	--	--	--	--
EVA Copolymer	--	0.3	0.3	--	0.3	0.3	--	--
PMMA	--	1.0	--	1.0	--	1.0	1.0	--
None (Base Composition)	93	91.7	92.7	92	99.7	98.7	99	100

\* 5% Parsol MCX and 2% benzophenone-3

TABLE III

SUNSCREEN ACTIVITY	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
SPF	24.7	34.2	24.2	23.8	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.1

[0050] SPF of the base composition with only organic sunscreen (formula A) is seen to increase from 24.7 to 34.2 in the presence of EVA copolymer and PMMA. See formula B which is representative of the present invention. Absent either the EVA copolymer or PMMA, as in formulas C and D respectively, the SPF again falls to around 24.

### EXAMPLE 2

[0051] Another sunscreen composition according to the present invention is described in Table IV.

TABLE IV

COMPONENTS	WEIGHT%
Ethylhexyl p-methoxycinnamate	7.000
Glycerin USP	4.000
Monaquat P-TS®	3.000
Oxybenzone	3.000
Cetyl Alcohol	2.500
Octyl Palmitate	2.000
Glycerol Monostearate	1.500
Petroleum Jelly	1.000
Silicone Fluid	1.000
Covabead PMMA	0.500
EVA Copolymer	0.500
Quatrisoft LM-200®	0.250

TABLE IV (continued)

COMPONENTS	WEIGHT%
Fragrance	0.150
Methyl Paraben	0.150
Propyl Paraben	0.100
Antifoam AF	0.005
Deionized Water	qs
TOTAL	100.000

EXAMPLE 3

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[0052] Another sunscreen composition according to the present invention is described in Table V. The formula is in lotion form.

TABLE V

COMPONENT	WEIGHT %
Ethylhexyl p-Methoxycinnamate	5.00
Glycerin	4.50
Hetester PMA®	3.00
Squalane	2.80
Isostearic Acid	2.50
Coco-Caprylate/Caprate (a blend of cococaprylate and cococaprate)	2.00
Cyclomethicone	2.00
Benzophenone-3	2.00
GMS/PEG-100 Stearate (a blend of glyceryl stearate and polyethylene glycol-100 stearate)	2.00
EVA Copolymer	1.20
Amerchol L-101® (A mixture of mineral oil and lanolin alcohol)	1.00
Cetyl Alcohol	1.00
Polyethylene 617	1.00
DL-Panthenol	1.00
Covabead PMMA	0.80
Stearic Acid TP	0.50
Benzyl Alcohol	0.50
Vitamin E Linoleate	0.50
Germall 115® (Imidazolidinyl Urea)	0.50
Methylparaben	0.30
Triethanolamine	0.30
Cetearyl Alcohol	0.25
Solulan C-24® (Choleth-24 and Ceteath-24)	0.25
Glyceryl Stearate	0.25
Fragrance	0.25
Allantoin	0.20

TABLE V (continued)

COMPONENT	WEIGHT %
Disodium EDTA	0.20
Propylparaben	0.15
Vitamin A Palmitate	0.10
Sodium Dehydroacetate	0.10
Xanthan Gum	0.10
Carbopol 941®	0.10
Tenox IV® (A mixture of corn oil and BHA and BHT)	0.05
Deionized Water	qs

EXAMPLE 4

[0053] Another sunscreen composition according to the present invention is described in Table VI. The formula is in cream form.

TABLE VI

COMPONENT	WEIGHT %
Octyl Methoxycinnamate	7.00
Heester PMA®	3.00
Cetyl Alcohol	3.00
Stearic Acid	3.00
Butylene Glycol	3.00
Cyclomethicone	2.50
2-Hydroxy-4-Methoxybenzophenone	2.00
Cetyl Octanoate	2.00
Diisopropyl Adipate	2.00
Jojoba Oil	2.00
GMS/PEG 100 Stearate	2.00
Aluminum Starch Octenyl Succinate	2.00
EVA Copolymer	1.20
Polyethylene 617	1.00
Nylon 12	1.00
DL Panthenol	1.00
Butylene Glycol	1.00
Covabead PMMA	0.80
Benzyl Alcohol	0.60
Vitamin E Linoleate	0.50
Germall 115®	0.50
Cetearyl Alcohol	0.50
Glyceryl Stearate	0.50
Methylparaben	0.30

TABLE VI (continued)

COMPONENT	WEIGHT %
Triethanolamine 98%	0.30
Fragrance	0.25
Allantoin	0.20
Silicone Fluid 200, 100 cts	0.20
Disodium EDTA	0.20
Xanthan Gum	0.20
Ethylparaben	0.15
Vitamin A Palmitate	0.10
Sodium DHA	0.10
Carbopol 941®	0.10
Tenox IV®	0.05
Deionized Water	qs

[0054] The foregoing description and Examples illustrate selected embodiments on the present invention.

25      **Claims**

1. A sunscreen composition comprising:
  - (i) from 0.01 to 10% of an ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer;
  - (ii) from 0.01 to 10% of particles of an acrylic polymer;
  - (iii) from 0.1 to 30% of an organic sunscreen agent with a chromophoric group active within the ultraviolet radiation range from 290 to 400 nm; and
  - (iv) from 60 to 99.5% by way of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the acrylic polymer is poly(methyl methacrylate).
3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the acrylic polymer has an average particle size ranging from 0.001 to less than 5 microns.
4. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the acrylic polymer is present in an amount from 0.8 to 1.5% by weight.
5. A composition according to claim 1 wherein the ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer is present in an amount from 0.1 to 2% by weight.
6. A composition according to claim 1 wherein water and oil are present to form an emulsion.
7. A composition according to claim 1 further comprising from 0.01 to 10% by weight of a  $\beta$ -glucan.
8. A composition according to claim 1 further comprising from 0.01 to 10% by weight of sclerotium gum.

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**Patentansprüche**

1. Ein Sonnenschutzmittel, enthaltend:
  - (i) Von 0,01 bis 10 % eines Ethylen-/Vinylacetat-Copolymeren;
  - (ii) von 0,01 bis 10 % von Teilchen eines Acrylpolymeren;

(iii) von 0,1 bis 30 % eines organischen Sonnenschutzmittels mit einer chromophoren Gruppe, aktiv innerhalb des ultravioletten Strahlungsbereichs von 290 bis 400 nm; und  
(iv) von 60 bis 99,5 % auf dem Weg über einen pharmazeutisch geeigneten Träger.

- 5     2. Eine Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1, worin das Acrylpolymer Poly(methylmethacrylat) ist.
- 3. Eine Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1, worin das Acrylpolymer eine durchschnittliche Teilchengröße im Bereich von 0,001 bis weniger als 5 Mikron hat.
- 10    4. Eine Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1, worin das Acrylpolymer in einer Menge von 0,8 bis 1,5 Gew.-% vorhanden ist.
- 5. Eine Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1, worin das Ethylen-/Vinylacetat-Copolymere in einer Menge von 0,1 bis 2 Gew.-% vorhanden ist.
- 15    6. Eine Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1, worin Wasser und Öl zur Bildung einer Emulsion vorhanden sind.
- 7. Eine Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1, ferner von 0,01 bis 10 Gew.-% eines  $\beta$ -Glucans enthaltend.
- 20    8. Eine Zusammensetzung nach Anspruch 1, ferner von 0,01 bis 10 Gew.-% Sklerotium-Gummi enthaltend.

#### **Revendications**

- 25    1. Composition antisolaire contenant :
  - (i) de 0,01 à 10 % d'un copolymère d'éthylène/acétate de vinyle ;
  - (ii) de 0,01 à 10 % de particules d'un polymère acrylique ;
  - 30    (iii) de 0,1 à 30 % d'un agent antisolaire organique avec un groupe chromophore qui est actif dans la gamme de rayonnement ultraviolet allant de 290 à 400 nm; et
  - (iv) de 60 à 99,5 % d'un matériau porteur acceptable du point de vue pharmaceutique.
- 2. Composition selon la revendication 1, dans laquelle le polymère acrylique est du poly(méthyl méthacrylate).
- 35    3. Composition selon la revendication 1, dans laquelle le polymère acrylique a une taille de particules comprise dans la gamme allant de 0,001 à moins de 5 micromètres.
- 4. Composition selon la revendication 1, dans laquelle le polymère acrylique est présent dans une quantité comprise dans la gamme allant de 0,8 à 1,5 % en masse.
- 40    5. Composition selon la revendication 1, dans laquelle le copolymère d'éthylène/acétate de vinyle est présent dans une quantité allant de 0,1 à 2 % en masse.
- 6. Composition selon la revendication 1, dans laquelle l'eau et l'huile sont présentes pour former une émulsion.
- 45    7. Composition selon la revendication 1, comprenant en outre de 0,01 à 10 % en masse d'un  $\beta$ -glucane.
- 8. Composition selon la revendication 1, comprenant en outre de 0,01 à 10 % en masse de gomme de sclérotium.

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